

Summit on Implementing Wireless Communications

Breakout Group 2:
Building Partnerships

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- Good communication is a cornerstone, essential for strong partnership. It helps partners understand the mission and commit to the project.
- Cultural differences are a challenge, especially with nontraditional partners. Understand and respect those differences. Create a new partnership culture.

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- Building a partnership takes time.
- Get buy-in or commitment from executive sponsors, users, and the public. The education process never ends because individuals leave, new ones join, and technology evolves.

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- Federal partners are crucial as support providers and periodic users. Their partnership benefits all.
- Stakeholders include more than public safety: also public services, utilities, schools, transportation, health care. They add resources and intel.

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- Process of building partnerships can improve interagency relationships over the long term—at both administrative and operational levels—even if those relationships were strained at first.